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DEPT PLS PASS USIA FOR DIRECTOR REINHARDT

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: USIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBIT IN KINSHASA

1. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE USIS EXHIBIT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH HAS JUST CLOSED AFTER A SIXTEEN-DAY RUN AT FIKIN, WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS FROM ALL POINTS OF VIEW. COMING ON THE HEELS OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF SWEEPING POST-SHABA REFORMS, THE EXHIBIT WAS JUST THE RIGHT KIND OF US PRESENCE HERE AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME. IT WAS THE CENTERPIECE OF THIS YEAR'S FIKIN, APPEALING TO A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE ZAIRIAN AUDIENCE AND OUT-DRAWING ALL OTHER EXHIBITS FROM OPENING TO CLOSING DAY. THE RELATED SYMPOSIUM ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ADDED A DIMENSION THAT WAS EQUALLY RELEVANT TO THIS COUNTRY'S INTERESTS AND NEEDS, AND ATTRACTED HIGHER-EDUCATED ZAIRIANS IN NUMBERS THAT FAR EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATION.

2. MY HAT IS STILL OFF TO THOSE IN YOUR AGENCY WHO, LABORING AGAINST ALL ODDS, PUT THE EXHIBIT TOGETHER AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR IN AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY OF TEAMWORK. WHEN PRESIDENT MOBUTU CHOSE TO VISIT OUR PAVILION BEFORE ALL OTHERS ON OPENING DAY, EVERYTHING DOWN TO THE LAST LASER BEAM WAS IN PLACE AND WORKING. ENERGY, DEDICATION, EXPERTISE -- THESE MAY BE CLICHES BUT THEY CERTAINLY APPLY TO RICHARD SUIB AND NICK BARSKY AND ALL THE OTHERS WHO  
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WORKED SO WELL TOGETHER WITH SUCH OUTSTANDING RESULTS.

3. I REGRET YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO JOIN US FOR THE KICK-OFF OF THIS "FIRST" IN AFRICA. BUT IF OUR EXPERIENCE HERE IS ANY INDICATION, YOU MAY TAKE SATISFACTION FROM THE ALMOST CERTAIN PROSPECT THAT THIS EXHIBIT WILL MAKE A SIMILARLY POSITIVE IMPACT ELSEWHERE ON THIS CONTINENT.

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